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Education

George Mason University
Ph.D. Economics, May 2006

Towson University
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Journal Articles

- (2017) "Do Piketty and Saez Misstate Income Inequality? Critiquing the Critiques" (with George Mechling and Ron Konecny). *Review of Political Economy 29(1): 30-46* **Link**
- (2014) "Education, Intelligence, and Attitude Extremity" (with Michael Makowsky). *Public Opinion Quarterly 78(4): 832-58.* **SSRN version.**
- (2013) "Using Economics Blogs to Teach Economics Principles" (with James Ullmer), *Mountain Rise* 8(1).**Link**
- (2012) "Positive vs. Normative Economics: What's the Connection?" (with Bryan Caplan), *Public Choice* 150(1): 241-61. **Link**
- (2011) "Minimum Wage and Unemployment Rates: A Study of Contiguous Counties" (with Debra Burke and Joseph Long), *Gonzaga Law Review* 46(3): 661-686. **Link**
- (2010) "Ideas, Funding, and Positions: The Elements of a Successful Intellectual Movement and the Role of Peter J. Boettke in Advancing Austrian Economics," *Journal of Private Enterprise* 26(1): 67-71. (invited paper) **Link**
- (2010) "Intelligence Makes People Think Like Economists: Evidence from the General Social Survey" (with Bryan Caplan), *Intelligence* 38(6): 636-647. **Link**
- (2009) "Economic Bias and Ideology: Evidence from the General Social Survey", *Journal of Private Enterprise* 25(1): 37-49. **Link**
- (2007) "Conservatives and Liberals on Economics: Expected Differences, Surprising Similarities", *Critical Review* 19(1): 47-64. **Link**

Book Chapters

- (2010) "Price: The Ultimate Heuristic" in The Handbook on Contemporary Austrian Economics, Peter Boettke (editor), Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. **Link**

Working Papers/Work in Progress

- "Education as a Constraint in Democracies"
- "Education and Heuristics: A Model of Market Learning"

Book Reviews, Educational and Policy-Oriented Publications

- Review of *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government is Smarter*, by Ilya Somin, March 2014, in *Public Choice*.
- Review of *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*, by Raghuram G. Rajan, November 7, 2010, in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.
- Review of *The Science of Success*, by Charles G. Koch, March 22, 2009 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.
- Review of *Greenspan's Bubbles*, by William A. Fleckenstein, February 19, 2008 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.
- Review of *The Undercover Economist*, by Tim Harford, March 19th, 2007 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.
- "Do Middlemen Earn Their Profits?" FEE Today, August 17, 2004 . Foundation for Economic Education.
- "The Growth of Bandwidth Markets: Regulate or Get Out of the Way?" *Research Reports*, June 28, 2004. American Institute for Economic Research. Great Barrington, MA.
- "Does Saving Lives = Saving Costs?" *Research Reports*, August 11, 2003. American Institute for Economic Research. Great Barrington, MA.
- "The Latest 'Magic Bullet' for Medicare -- More Sugar Pills" *Cato Daily Commentary*, April 17, 2002. Cato Institute.
- "The Butcher of Philadelphia: A Public Choice Parable" published by the Institute for Humane Studies.

Work Experience

- Adams-Bibby Chair of Free Enterprise, Troy University (2015-present)
- Associate Professor of Economics, Troy University (2015-present)
- Executive Director, Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy, Troy University (2015-2017)
- SACSCOC Director, Office of the Provost, Western Carolina University (2014-2015)
- Associate Professor of Economics, Western Carolina University (2012-2015)
- Assistant Professor of Economics, Western Carolina University (2006-2012)
- Health Policy Research Assistant, Cato Institute (2001-2002)
- Development Assistant, Cato Institute (2001)

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- Grant to support Free Enterprise Educational Activities at Western Carolina University, Charles Koch Foundation (2010-2015)
- Professor of Excellence Award for Undergraduate Teaching, College of Business, Western Carolina University (2013)
- Summer Research Grant, Western Carolina University (2012)
- Faculty Development Grant, Western Carolina University (2012)
- Visiting Summer Fellow, American Institute for Economic Research (2007)
- Honorable Mention, Economic Communicators Contest, sponsored by the Market-Based Managment Institute and the Association of Private Enterprise Education (2007)
- Oloffson Weaver Fellow. George Mason University (2005-2006)
- Don Lavoie Memorial Graduate Student Essay Contest Winner (2005)
- James Buchanan Center for Political Economy. Research Fellow. George Mason University (2002-2005)
- American Institute for Economic Research. Roy A. Foulke Fellow (2003-2005)
- American Institute for Economic Research. In-Absentia Fellowship Award. (2003-2006)

Teaching Experience

- Applied Business Economics, MBA 625, Western Carolina University
- The Impact of Economic Policy on Business, ECON 693, Western Carolina University.
- Managerial Economics, ECON 607, Western Carolina University.
- Public Finance, ECON 305, Western Carolina University.
- Microeconomic Principles, ECON 231, Western Carolina University.
- Strategy First, BA 133, Western Carolina University.
- Macroeconomic Principles, ECON 104. George Mason University.

Invited Presentations (Off campus)

- IHS Speaker Series, Students for Liberty Carolina Regional Conference, Winston-Salem, NC (November 2014)
- Students for Liberty Southeast Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA (October 2014)
- Loyola University - New Orleans Economics Club, New Orleans, LA (October 2014)
- Students for Liberty Northwest Regional Conference , Seattle, WA(November 2013)
- Metropolitan State University of Denver Exploring Economic Freedom Lecture Series, Denver, CO (October 2012).
- Loyola University - New Orleans Economics Club New Orleans, LA(April 2011).
- Sam Houston State University Economics Seminar Series Huntsville, TX (November 2006)

Conference Presentations

- "Why Liberals and Conservatives Fear Free Markets" 2014 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education.
- "Income Shifting and the Piketty-Saez Income Inequality Data Set" 2014 Meeting of the Public Choice Society.
- "Education, Intelligence, and Attitude Extremity" 2012 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education.
- "Are the Civic Returns to Education Overstated?" 2011 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education.
- “Using Economics Blogs to Teach Economic Principles” 2010 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

- "Economic Bias and Ideology: Evidence from the General Social Survey" 2008 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education.
- "Education as a Constraint in Democracies" 2007 Southern Economic Association Conference
- "Intelligence, Irrationality, and Civic Returns: Can Education Improve Democracy?" 2006 International Atlantic Economic Society Meetings.
- "Quantifying Civic Returns" 2006 Meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education
- "Education and Heuristics: a Model of Market Learning" 2005 Southern Economic Association Meetings
- "Civic Returns to Education" 2005 American Institute for Economic Research Summer Fellows Program.
- "The Butcher of Philadelphia: A Public Choice Parable" 2005 American Institute for Economic Research Summer Fellows Program.
- "Education as a Democratic Constraint" George Mason University Graduate Student Seminar (Spring 2005).
- "Can Education Improve Democracies?" 2004 American Institute for Economic Research Summer Fellows Program.
- "Ludwig von Mises on Socialism and Interventionism" 1999 Eastern Economic Association Meetings.

Reviewer for:

- Public Choice
- Econ Journal Watch
- Journal of Private Enterprise
- Review of Austrian Economics
- Journal of Economics and Finance Education
- Southern Journal of Entrepreneurship
- Journal of the European Economics Association